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B. & O. EARNINGS FOR NOVEMBER ARE MUCH DIMINISHED

New York, Dec. 23.—Baltimore & Ohio's November earnings statement makes a very poor showing, but it is in thorough harmony with the experience of other large trunk line systems. The gross amounted to \$7,926,280, comparing with \$9,040,251 last year. Net was \$1,588,512, against \$2,721,429. For the five months ending with November the road showed gross earnings of \$4,744,039, against \$4,416,241 in the corresponding period last year. Net totaled \$1,247,670, against \$1,899,750.

Vice-President Hobbs, of the Boston & Maine, who is also comptroller of the Vermont Railway, asked for bids some time ago for an offering of \$2,300,000 one year 6 per cent. notes to take up indebtedness for construction of the Brattleboro extension, and acquiring the Montpelier & Wells River, Barre & Barre branch roads. No bids were received.

Missouri Pacific sold on the Stock Exchange at 23 1/2, a decline of 1 1/2 points from the previous closing, and the lowest at which it has sold since March, 1898.

Erie Railroad Co. has applied to the second district Public Service Commission for authority to issue \$2,000,000 of general lien bonds under its first consolidated mortgage, dated December 10, 1895.

The most important bond offering scheduled for the near future is the issue of \$1,000,000 5 per cent. bonds. New York State bonds for which bids will be asked some time near the close of January. The effect of the announcement stating that the bonds were to be offered was to depress outstanding state issues from 1 to 2 points, and generally to cause a relatively heavy tone throughout the market. New York state bonds had been selling on about a 4 1/2 per cent. basis, and the decline brought some of them down where their yield is 4 1/2 per cent. If the new 4 1/2 could be sold on that basis they would bring about 107 1/2. The large size of the new issue, and the fact that it will be a high premium bond, however, will make the price received at the sale somewhat lower than the corresponding level of the 4 1/2 at the time. Trades in the new bonds, when issued, began around 105 1/2, but close the week around 104 1/2.

The Stock Exchange's committee on securities has made a ruling with regard to the recent financing done by Canadian Pacific Railway, entitling common stockholders to subscribe to an issue of \$2,000,000 6 per cent. notes certificates to the extent of 20 per cent. of their holdings. The ruling is that all transactions in the stock on December 23, except those made for cash, shall be ex-rights, and that rights may be dealt in after that date. American Beet Sugar Co. is quite certain to show the 6 per cent. dividend earned on its \$5,000,000 preferred stock in the current fiscal year. However, there will be a 100 per cent. dividend on the common stock, and there is small hope of resumption of dividends on this issue for some time to come. The company is in good financial condition with net quick assets of \$2,499,000, including over \$800,000 cash, and with no bills payable. The company is now practically a self-financing proposition and rarely borrows money outside of its own banks.

In answering the Government's charge that it is a monopoly in restraint of trade, the American Can Co. will be able to submit figures showing that since its formation there has been a steady reduction in the price of cans. While the company bases its prices on the quotations for the plate it is a fact that tin plate prices have not declined anything like those of cans. All of which shows

NEW TOWN

Newtown, Dec. 23.—Prof. E. Carmody and sisters, Misses Margaret, Anna and Dorette Carmody, will enter Christmas festivities with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harrison of Bridgeport. Miss Winnifred Paetsch spent yesterday in Bridgeport with her mother, the anniversary of Miss Winnifred's birth.

Selectman Wm. C. Johnson gives notice that the town treasurer will pay off the teachers who desire their monthly salary before Christmas, if their district committees with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harrison of Bridgeport. Bills properly approved by two selectmen of which number he gladly will be one before Thursday. The regular monthly pay day is Saturday, Dec. 23.

Joseph Bates, colored, chef at Newtown Inn was found dead in bed, Sunday morning at about 7:30 o'clock by the employees of the Inn. Dr. F. J. Gale was called in but, finding no use for his services, called up Medical Examiner Dr. W. H. Kiernan, who immediately responded. After examination he decided the man died of a weak heart and an aneurism disease. The deceased had been employed at the Inn for about ten days, but none of the colored people in town know much about him and are unable to afford the authorities assistance towards locating his kindred or his residence. The deceased was apparently 45 years old.

Saturday evening the unconscious body of John Allen of Zoar was found in Zoar by a passing automobile party who took him in charge and notified Dr. W. H. Kiernan. The injured man was attended by Dr. W. H. Kiernan who found a broken leg and severe bruises on body. The doctor took the man to the city Monday morning immediately, where his injuries were attended to. At last reports, he was known to be resting comfortably. It is thought, a passing motor car struck the man.

Court Sandy Hook, No. 52, F. of A. will have a concert and dance at St. Mary's Hall, Sandy Hook, Dec. 31. Competent committees have been named by the court to have charge of the affair, and it looks as if a renaissance of this popular order was at hand, which in the past was renowned for its sociable and popular entertainments. Gallagher's orchestra will furnish music for the occasion and all its old and new friends are cordially invited to be present.

Mrs. Michael Jordan of Sandy Hook went to the city Monday morning expecting to return before Christmas. M. Moran of Springfield, Mass., is the guest of Selectman and Mrs. Thomas F. Brew of Sandy Hook for the holidays.

Miss Ethel Gros Claude, who purchased the old Peter Hall homestead on North Main street claims that her deeds cover the triangular piece of land known as Flat-Iron Park for more than a century, and owned and occupied by the people of the center as a public park for more than fifty years, and objects to the state appropriation of the state trunk line purposes. The O'Brien Construction company have paid no heed to her remonstrances, and the selectmen assure them that the park so far as it makes a boundary line between the Danbury road on the west and the Brookfield turnpike on the east is town property and consequently the town will interpose no objection to the work of straightening the state trunk line. Miss Gros Claude had the records searched by Judge of Probate Beecher preliminary to purchase and insists that the latter's search of title is authoritative, and that it distinctly gives her title to about one-fifth of an acre

TRUMBULL

Mrs. Leroy Clark and Miss Doris Lukeman of Long Hill, will spend Christmas in Bridgeport, the guests of Mrs. Clark's daughter, Mrs. Lester W. Sherwood of 246 Central avenue.

Erwin S. Fairchild and son Charles W. Fairchild, have recently been to Maine on a business trip. Mrs. Wilbur Stocking and children have returned to their home in Nichols after a ten days' visit with Mrs. Stocking's parents in Simsbury.

Carl Imhof has completed the mason work for the winter and is now heating, ventilation, plumbing and electric work, be written with the lowest bidders at a sum total for said work not to exceed the sum of \$312,000, provided the contractor's proposals satisfactory to the board are agreed upon, and further provided that it is agreed that the board shall have the right to demand the building of the wings and the substitution of stone columns at a total price not to exceed \$8,000 less than the price originally bid, with wings and limestone columns. The board is to transfer to a general contractor the site of the property to be used as a high school, and recommended to the common council the adoption of the following resolution:

"Resolved, that the board of education be and they are hereby authorized to make such disposition as to them may seem best of the Kelly house, situated on Golden Hill street on a portion of the property to be used as the site of the high school or to sell and convey title to the same, and, further resolved, that the benefits thereof or the avails thereof, be appropriated to the board of education for use in the construction of a new high school."

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B. H. S. CONTRACT IS AWARDED; PRICE FIXED AT \$312,000

Contractors Do Not Expect to Leave Much of Their Cash With Bridgeporters.

Secret Session of Board Lasts Three Hours Before Agreement Is Reached.

At a secret session which lasted nearly three hours last night, the board of education arranged to award the contract for the building of the new high school to the firm of Durkin & Lass, the architect who drew the plans for the school, his assistant, C. P. S. Cardwood and a partner of the firm, Miss Alice M. McKim of the firm of Durkin & Lass, the successful bidders for the contract.

The school will cost \$312,000 complete without the steam shovel. This is a reduction of about \$3,500 from the original bid of this firm, but the firm takes a chance of getting bonds voted to build the wings, and proposed to build them in connection with the original bid of the concern for the building without the wings was \$55,000, it simply gets back the money allowed on the main building if the wings are built.

This price is for terra cotta columns. The firm agrees to take the Kelly house which is on the property near Lyon Terrace, where the new high school will be located, and the wings are built to substitute lime stone columns at \$8,000 less than the total price originally bid.

Commissioners Webster and Havens were in consultation with Miss Durkin and her building superintendent, Paul Grillo, at the Stratfield hotel for an hour before the board met. When they reached the board meeting Mr. Webster immediately moved that the board go into executive session and that the newspaper men be excluded. After the executive session members of the board said that the three hours they were in session had been well up in an effort to have Miss Durkin agree to build the school for a lower figure.

Little of the money which is paid for the school will remain in Bridgeport. The contractors are New York people. Almost all the material used in the building will be bought outside of Bridgeport. The excavation for the school will be done by a steam shovel. Most of the labor used on the building will be imported as the Durkin & Lass people do not think they can get suitable labor in Bridgeport. It is said that even the carts and men who will carry away what is dug by the steam shovel will be brought here from New York.

The architect will receive more than \$18,000 for his fee for the building without the wings and more than \$21,000 if the wings are added later. Mr. Rogers has offices in New York.

Last night a number of agents interested in the school's compensation insurance to employers were about the ante-room of the school board offices waiting to see the award of the contract. These agents said that even the carts and men who will figure on the school the price would be higher instead of lower, as the first figures did not include premiums for workmen's compensation.

The award was made by Commissioner Bishop and was as follows: "Voted that the contract for the erection of the main building of the high school on Golden Hill street, heating, ventilation, plumbing and electric work, be written with the lowest bidders at a sum total for said work not to exceed the sum of \$312,000, provided the contractor's proposals satisfactory to the board are agreed upon, and further provided that it is agreed that the board shall have the right to demand the building of the wings and the substitution of stone columns at a total price not to exceed \$8,000 less than the price originally bid, with wings and limestone columns. The board is to transfer to a general contractor the site of the property to be used as a high school, and recommended to the common council the adoption of the following resolution:

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Christmas Music In Churches

St. Charles' Church: Rev. P. McGivney, pastor; Miss May Price, organist and director; Solemn High Mass, 5:30 and 10:30 a. m. Other Masses, 7, 8 and 9:15. "Silent Night"—Before Mass. Kyrie.....J. Weiland Festiva! Mass Kyrie.....J. Weiland Credo.....J. Weiland Adagio.....Novello Sanctus.....Weiland Benedictus.....Weiland Agnus Dei.....Weiland "O Holy Night".....Adams Choir—Marie O'Brien, Lillian Fox, Beatrice Lavery, Ruth Goring, Elizabeth Nolan, Margaret O'Brien, Anna King, Anna May Murray, Charlotte Waters, Margaret Tierney, M. Buchanan, Loretta Paydew, Mrs. J. C. Lutz, Mary Flynn, Mary Easley, Irene Heiland, Edith O'Hara, May Hanbury, May Baird, Catherine Burns, Winifred O'Neill, Helen Krause, Lillian Ryan, John Kane, John Miles, J. Trempo, J. P. Pengue, M. Sheehan, James Rielly, Catherine Cosgrove.

St. Anthony's Church: Low masses at 7:30 and 8:30 a. m. High mass at 10:30 a. m.: Prelude—Popular French Christmas Hymns—By the Choir. Introit—"Puer natus est"—Gregorian Gloria.....Battmann Gloria.....Battmann Credo.....Gullmatt Adagio.....Gullmatt Sanctus.....Battmann Gloria.....Battmann Gloria.....Battmann Sortie—Cantique—Dans cette etablie. Director—Adelard Paradis, organist, Miss Gertrude Paradis, Choir—Wm. P. Garneau, P. Alarie, H. C. Garnett, Leon Crepeault, F. Brunelle, Misses Alma Tremblait, Ida Tremblait, Edna Garneau, Josephine Thibeault, Stella Tremblait, Hazel Clark, E. Trempeau, Lillian Garand.

St. Patrick Church: Masses at 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 and 10:30. High masses, 5:30 and 10:30. The following musical program will be rendered by a chorus of 30 voices assisted by Miss Sadie Dillon, Miss Mary Kelly, Miss Margaret Kane, Dennis Lynch and George Fray. Prelude.....Novello Asperges.....Weiland Kyrie.....Turner Gloria.....Turner Credo.....Turner Offertory—Adeste Fideles. Sanctus.....Turner Agnus Dei.....Turner Processional March—Adeste Fideles (organ and violin). "Shining Star"—Christmas Lullabye—Full Chorus. "Hymn of Adoration"—Contraalto Solo. "Silent Night"—Soprano Solo and Chorus with Violin Obligato. "The Gift Divine"—Duett, Alto and Soprano—Chorus. Recessional Chorus—Adeste Fideles—Full Chorus—Violin Obligato. Soloists—Misses Anna O'Connell, Bessie Lynch and Mary Maraffi, Organist, Mrs. J. L. Kennedy, assisted by Masters John Carroll, Thomas Wall and William Sweeney—violins.

St. Mary's Church: Program for 5:30 a. m. and 10:30 a. m. masses: Processional—Adeste Fideles—Sanctus—Choir. Kyrie.....St. Clair Gloria.....Durand Credo.....Durand Offertory—Adeste Fideles—Novello—Soprano Solo and Chorus. Sanctus.....Gounod Benedictus.....Gounod Agnus Dei.....Gounod "O Holy Night".....Adams Soprano Solo and Chorus. Soloists—Mrs. Frank Munich, so-

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AMERICAN MILITANT FREED BY COURT

London, Dec. 23.—Charges of assaulting and obstructing the police brought against Miss Zelle Emerson, of Jackson, Mich., in connection with a suffragette disturbance on December 1 were dismissed today by the magistrate. Miss Emerson thereupon

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WOMAN IS FOUND IN SECRET ROOM OF DEAD LAWYER

Monticello, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The finding of the body of Melvin J. Couch, lawyer and prominent in Sullivan county politics, in his office in the Masonic Temple, Monday, brought to light the discovery that Miss Adelaide Brance, formerly a book agent, had been hidden in a small side room adjoining the office for three years. Although she rarely ventured out except at night the woman said she had been happy because she loved and was loved. When confronted by the widow of the man with whom she had lived in secret for so long, Miss Brance begged for forgiveness, crying pitifully "I loved him, I loved him." At the county jail, Miss Brance has denied herself to all callers saying that she desired only to be permitted to leave the scene of her love and to be forgotten. An autopsy performed upon the body of Couch revealed that his death had been due to heart disease. The coroner's verdict was accidental death. Following the autopsy the body was taken to his late home at the request of the widow. Mrs. Couch refused to discuss the case.

EAMES FOR HEAD OF G. O. P. BANQUET TABLE

George M. Eames, park commissioner, will be toastmaster at the Republican banquet to be held in the Stratfield hotel Monday evening. The announcement was made today by J. Alex H. Robinson, chairman of the Republican town committee.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

GENERAL: The western disturbance has developed into a well defined storm area which is central this morning over Indiana. It is causing cloudy weather with rain or snow in nearly all districts east of the Mississippi river. The front edge of the rain area at 8 a. m. was as far east as Harrisburg, Pa. The storm was made today by J. Alex H. Robinson, chairman of the Republican town committee. The temperature is also low between the Rocky Mountains and the Mississippi river. The western storm will probably reach this vicinity during the afternoon and cause unsettled weather with rain or snow during the next 36 to 48 hours.

NEW HAVEN.

Forecast: Rain or snow tonight and Wednesday; not much change in temperature.

STATE.

Rain tonight and Wednesday, increasing easterly winds. Automobile drivers will light their lamps tonight at 4:30 o'clock. Sun rises tomorrow 7:17 a. m. Sun sets today 4:27 p. m. High water 7:13 a. m. Moon rises 3:59 a. m. Low water 2:17 p. m.

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