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"March Meeting" in Paris.

A HARMONIOUS SESSION.—APPROPRIATIONS A LITTLE LESS THAN LAST YEAR.—ABSTRACT OF VALUATION TO BE PRINTED IN REPORT.

Monday morning's storm was not particularly favorable for a large attendance at town meeting, nevertheless there was a good number of voters in New Hall at 10 o'clock, the hour for opening the meeting.

Town Clerk William J. Wheeler was prompt about calling the meeting to order. Walter L. Gray was elected moderator, receiving all the 88 votes cast.

On assuming the chair Mr. Gray thanked the voters briefly, and stating that the West Paris train had not arrived, asked whether it was the pleasure of the meeting to proceed with the business. A motion was immediately made and carried to wait until the train arrived.

The West Paris voters arrived some five minutes later, and business proceeded.

The report of the selectmen and other town officers was accepted without discussion.

Report of the Crocker and Gray funds was made and accepted.

Election of officers then proceeded: For town clerk 87 votes were cast, all for William J. Wheeler.

For first selectman the ballot resulted: Whole number of votes, 158. Necessary to a choice, 79. Scattering, 157.

Second selectman: Necessary to a choice, 79. Scattering, 148.

Third selectman: Necessary to a choice, 79. Scattering, 160.

The three selectmen were then elected assessors and overseers of the poor, a single ballot being cast in each case.

For town treasurer 102 votes were cast, all for Frank A. Shurtliff.

For member of school committee to succeed Charles J. Howard, 105 votes were cast, 103 of which were for Charles J. Howard.

On motion of H. G. Brown, the members of the school committee were voted a compensation of \$10 each and actual cash expenses.

The election of a collector of taxes was then taken up, and H. G. Brown addressed the meeting, criticizing the work of the present collector, and stating that he thought we should have a change. He advocated the election of James R. Tucker.

James R. Tucker replied to the criticisms upon him, cited several instances and explained the situation with regard to them, from the published list of uncollected taxes.

Mr. Brown spoke again briefly.

Hon. James S. Wright said that he could not see what the town would gain by turning Mr. Tucker out of office, and a new man, as the delinquent taxes would still remain in Mr. Jackson's hands.

The ballot for collector was then taken with the following result: Whole number of votes, 154. Necessary to a choice, 77. Scattering, 153.

Alfred H. Jackson, 76. Frank A. Taylor, 76. George W. Smith, 2.

The collector's compensation was fixed at 1 1/2 per cent. N. D. Bolster moved to amend by making it 1 1/4 per cent, but the amendment was lost, by a vote of 55 to 45 in favor of the original motion.

Mr. Wright made a motion that it be the sense of the meeting that the collector of taxes be removed from office and a new man be elected to collect the delinquent taxes at once.

This caused some discussion, but the motion was finally carried with a shout.

The next officer in the list was town commissioner, but a motion to choose three town commissioners was lost, and the care of the roads was thus left in the hands of the selectmen.

At this point, in being nearly noon, the meeting was suspended for dinner until 12:45.

After dinner, with a much reduced crowd, the articles relating to appropriations were taken up, and for some time the business was run off rapidly, much of it being done as routine business, without discussion. Appropriations were made as follows:

Common school, \$2,500.00. Free high school, \$1,000.00. School house, \$500.00. School repairs, \$400.00. School house insurance, etc., \$200.00. Roads and bridges, \$2,000.00. Snow sheds and bridges, \$2,000.00. Two new iron bridges, as recommended by selectmen, \$290.00.

To under-rain road near Frank B. May, \$100.00.

There was motion to pass over the article relating to this underdrain, but it was defeated on a show of hands.

The next article in the list was appropriation for state road produced some discussion, in which the relocation of the state road over Paris Hill was criticized.

After a few days the road was submitted to a surgical operation. It was said by the surgeons that with or without the operation he could have lived, but he had to live any way. He had been ill for a long time. He leaves a wife, who was Ellen M. Churchill, and a daughter.

Elihu A. Parlin thinks his hens have been as good a job as some of those which have been the subjects of newspaper comment of late. From 73 pullets and 10 year-old hens he got 104 eggs during the month of January, or an average of over 15 to each hen. For the foregoing was in type, Mr. Fletcher reports the output for February as 119 dozen, which is doing better.

Quite a number of the South Paris members of Oxford Council, R. and S. M., were in the party which went to New York last Thursday and held a special meeting of the council there that evening to work the degree. The party numbered about forty, and had a special service for the occasion. They left for Portland, and got back on the 9:50 Friday morning. It was a great trip, they say.

A place which has a good patronage, especially evenings, is the shooting gallery lately fitted up in the basement of W. M. Maxin's sporting goods store. Two shooters stand in the furnace room where it is warm, and use a 50 foot range, with the target against the rear wall. By an ingenious reel a paper target attached to a line is run to the other end of the range, and after the string is shot is quickly reeled back, so that no one has to leave the furnace room. The shooter gives the shooter a chance to look at each shot if desired.

The Democrat's serial, "His Courtship," is concluded in this issue, and has been exceedingly well received. Our next serial, which will be in two or three weeks, is "The Princess Virginia," by C. N. and A. M. Williamson, authors of "The Lightning Conductor" and "The Princess Virginia." While not so widely exciting as some serials we have published, it is altogether a delightful story. For the benefit of those who have read stories of these authors, it may be well to state that in "The Princess Virginia" automobiles figure only incidentally.

Business Notices.

A few fur coats left on our store; they are low for you if you need one and want to save money. F. H. Noyes Co.

Ask to see Lamson & Hubbard and their special spring dresses. Just in. F. H. Noyes Co.

The Republicans of Bath are not an exceedingly harmonious body just at present, but they are unanimous in one respect. Every one of them doesn't want to be nominated for mayor.

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