

LAONIA, N. H., FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1921.

Massachusetts has finally decided to continue on Daylight saving, but will cut the saving period to five months, from May 1st, to October 1st. There has been a hot fight by the farmers to repeal the law, but the business men and manufacturing centres favored it, and the legislature refused to repeal it by a vote of 115 to 47. New York has also decided to stick to the daylight saving schedule this year.

The voters of New Hampshire absolutely refused to take the income tax medicine which Governor Brown prescribed, and now the legislature has rejected the mild political tonic which the governor advised, and adopted the report of the judiciary committee that it is "inexpedient to legislate" on the proposed repeal of the primary election laws. The facts in the case appear to be that while professional politicians are dissatisfied with the primary election law, the average voter has no desire to return to the old system of conventions, manipulated and controlled by the political bosses.

Congressman Edward H. Wason of Nashua, indignantly denies that there is any foundation for the report that he is to run for governor of New Hampshire in 1922 and for United States senator in 1924, and declares that this report was instigated by Major Frank Knox. Congressman Wason says there is nothing to it, and advises Major Knox to keep out of the politics of the second congressional district in the future. Incidentally, Mr. Wason announces that he proposes to continue as the candidate of the plain people of the second district for congress, and throws out the dark insinuation that he does not believe in trifling with the affections of the plain people.

According to announcement of the census bureau a few days ago, the average density of population throughout the United States, exclusive of out-lying possessions, was 35.6 persons per square mile of land area in 1920, as against 30.9 in 1910.

The density in the individual states in 1920 ranged from 7.1 of one person per square mile in Nevada to 566.4 in Rhode Island.

It exceeded 200 per square mile in five states, Rhode Island, with 566.4, Massachusetts, 479.2, New Jersey, 420, Connecticut, 286.4, and New York, 217.9.

The density figures for other states include: Maine, 25.7, New Hampshire, 49.1; Vermont, 38.6.

In the minds of many of the leading financial men of the country the condition of the railroads is a more serious problem just now than affairs in Europe or anything else. Briefly stated the situation is that many railroads, despite the increases of 20 and 40 per cent in freight and passenger rates granted last year are not earning enough to pay their way. The Erie road for instance has just announced that at the present time it is costing \$1.07 to earn \$1, and Mr. Hustis of our Boston and Maine system reports that this railroad is running behind at a rate of a million dollars per month. With the railroads of the United States headed towards bankruptcy, the situation is certainly serious, for the industrial prosperity of the country depends to a large extent upon the railroads.

It is rumored that the state of New Hampshire will endeavor to find a new source of revenue by trying to tax stock dividends, and it is reported that a bill authorizing this form of taxation will be introduced in the legislature this week. During the Gov. Spaulding administration there was some agitation of taxing stock dividends and there was an opinion that such taxation would not be unconstitutional. The proposed measure will provide that each town and city may tax dividends at the current rate of taxation in each town or city. The state treasury would receive nothing directly from such taxation as the money would go into the local treasury. In the average town, where the tax rate is about \$30 on the \$1000, a citizen with 100 shares of American T. & T. stock for instance, would pay a three per cent. tax or \$24 a year on his dividends of \$800.

Rum Runners Numerous.

The rum running industry from the Canadian line down through northern New England is quite brisk just now, and is expected to increase as the highways become settled so as to afford better traveling for the autos. At the present time, the town police officers in the north-country are devoting considerable of their time to watching the state highways for suspicious autos and have captured quite a number of valuable cargoes during the past few weeks. At Plymouth one day last week, the local officers received word that a rum car had escaped the officers at Pike. The Plymouth chief started up the line, but when he came in sight of the rum runners they turned their car and tried to escape, running onto a rural highway and finally abandoning the car and cargo, made their escape. The car was a large Cadillac, bearing a New Hampshire number, and was loaded with twenty cases of liquor.

One of the cleverest liquor-running schemes ever conducted on a large scale in New England was detected in Manchester a few days ago, when a patrolman observed two men in an auto unloading suspicious packages from a freight car. An investigation resulted in the seizure of twenty-two cases of assorted liquor, valued at \$6,000. It was found that false walls had been constructed at each end of the freight car just about the width of a case of liquor from the real wall of the car, and the compartment thus created loaded with booze.

State Highways Closed to Heavy Trucks.

State Highway Commissioner Frederick E. Everett has sent notices to all of the cities and towns of the state that until further notice all vehicles of over three tons gross weight will be prohibited the use of trunk lines, cross-state and state aid highways in this state.

Violators of the commissioner's ruling will be prosecuted under the law which was passed by the Legislature last week and signed by Governor Brown.

This action is taken by the commissioner to protect as far as possible the roads of the state during the season of frosts and the order will be withdrawn as soon as conditions permit.

Plymouth.

Mrs. Fred Ramsay has returned from her visit to Concord.

Miss Estelle Ralph is stenographer for Lawyer Wentworth.

The village is being canvassed for funds for the relief of Ireland.

Ralph Tupper visited his father at his home at Lower Intervale last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner Hartwell of Laconia, were guests of friends last Tuesday.

Married last week, Earl R. Ford to Isabelle Dearth, by Rev. A. H. Gilmore.

A billiard table has been added to the amusements in the American Legion hall.

The April party given by the Ladies Hospital Aid Society was very successful.

Mrs. G. K. Davis and daughter Marion of Rumney, were Plymouth visitors last Thursday.

Dr. and Mrs. Baker of the Laconia Home for Feeble Minded were in town last week for a short stay.

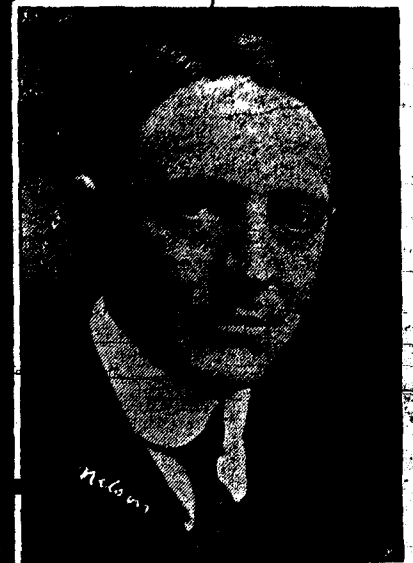
Miss Sylvia Dean of Laconia, has been called to the Emily Balch and Soldiers

Laconia City Government.

Mayor Wilkinson and New Council Installed in Office with Appropriate Ceremonies.

Mayor Lewis H. Wilkinson and the new city council were formally inaugurated at the city council chamber Tuesday morning, with the usual ceremonies and a large attendance of spectators, both ladies and men.

Mayor J. A. Mitchell called the old council to order and quickly completed the unfinished business of the old administration. Councilmen Veazey and Stevens, committee on elections and returns, verified the statement of the vote at the recent city election and then Mayor Mitchell appointed Councilmen Veazey and Norman to escort the Mayor-elect to the council chamber. In presenting the new mayor, Councilman Veazey took occasion to extend his good wishes and pledge the hearty support of himself and the incoming council to assist in making Mayor Wilkinson's administration pleasant and successful.



Mayor Lewis H. Wilkinson.

Mayor Mitchell's farewell address gave a brief summary of the city's financial condition, and refuted for this time at least the bid saying in regard to city affairs, that it doesn't make any difference how much money they raise they will find a way to spend it. Notwithstanding the constant rise in material, etc., since the appropriations were made, reaching a height almost prohibitive and with a tax rate much higher than many cities and towns in the state, the debt has been reduced the past year \$25,878.92 and everything with one exception that was voted for in the appropriation was seen to be out and the money was saved. That Mayor Mitchell declared that too much praise cannot be given to city council for the way they have done their work for the welfare of the city, and he took the opportunity to thank the members of the city government and the public for their patience, the many courtesies and support he had received at their hands.

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