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## ON THE CHARGE OF ARSON.

Two Young Men Accused of Firing  
Lloyd's Barns.

Burning Took Place Last October.—Parties Were Working all Winter in the Woods. Arrested as Soon as They Came Over the Line.

On the 15th day of last October the barns of Sidney Lloyd, a well known farmer living two miles above Centreville, were burned to the ground.

Everyone felt sorry for Mr. Lloyd and there were some who thought the fire was not accidental. Suspicion rested upon Melvin and Chalmers Crabb, sons of Thomas Crabb, the next neighbors of Mr. Lloyd.

No arrest, however, was made until Wednesday last. The young men have been working all winter in the lumber woods at Patten, Me. The sheriff and his deputy got word that they were returning home. The officers drove to Crabb's place on Wednesday and found the young men, whom they, at once placed under arrest and brought to the gaol at Upper Woodstock.

An examination into the case was begun before Police Magistrate Dibblee on Friday morning. Frank B. Carvell appeared for the prosecution and Stephen B. Appleby for the prisoners.

Sidney Lloyd, the complainant, was the first witness. He mentioned several incidents tending to show a vindictive spirit towards him by the prisoners. One instance he mentioned as occurring about a month before the barns were burned. He heard the two boys coming up the road about 10.30 one night. He distinctly heard Chalmers Crabb say "we will burn the barns."

At this stage Thos. Crabb, who was present in court, spoke "Swear to the truth."

Mr. Lloyd—I am doing that.

Mr. Crabb—No, you're not.

The magistrate told Crabb that if he did not keep quiet he would be put out of court.

Mr. Lloyd, continuing, said:—I am satisfied that the boys passing were the Crabb boys. I will swear positively it was they. I swear that Chalmers Crabb made this remark (about burning the barns.) They came into my orchard. When they got up a bit, I suppose they heard me and ran back on to the road.

My son and I kept watch that night of the buildings with a loaded gun, taking turns. Nothing took place. We also kept watch on Sunday night. Their father and two Crabb boys went away I think to dig potatoes, and they did not come back until sometime with in four weeks. On the evening of the 15th I went into Centreville, and there I saw Melvin Crabb, sitting on the counter in Balloch's store, talking to Wilmot Balloch. I saw nothing of any of them on my way home, where I arrived at 9.30. I drove into the yard, my wife brought a lantern and I hung up the lantern while I unharnessed the horse and put it into the stall. I then took the lantern and went with it direct to the house. I said to my wife we had better go to bed, and she said "Is their light out" (meaning Crabb's.) Their light was out and we went to bed. About eleven o'clock my wife awoke and noticing a light said "what is that," I said "It is the barn afire." We got up and went out my buildings they were all joined. During the fire the Crabb boys came along and asked me if they could help. I said don't lay your hands on anything of mine.

To Mr. Appleby witness said he was a heavy smoker. I have no doubt that if I had had a loaded gun I would have shot one of the boys.

John Kinney said that he had known Melvin Crabb for the past sixteen years. I heard him say he would like to burn the buildings if he could burn old Sid, meaning Mr. Lloyd.

To Mr. Appleby—This conversation took place near Crabb's house. This is the first time I ever was a witness. I stole a watch once from Chas. Flanigan and signed another man's name to a note, knowing it was wrong to do so.

Thos. Bremar was put on the stand to testify to a conversation he had with the mother of the defendant.

Mr. Appleby objected to the evidence and the magistrate sustained the objection.

The court then adjourned for further evidence till Saturday afternoon.

In connection with this fire, the entire buildings were burned to the ground. Mr. Lloyd estimates his loss at \$4000. Among the property he lost were three horses, 50 bushels of wheat, 400 of buckwheat, between 1500 and 2000 bushels of oats.

When the court resumed James Prior was examined:—He said, I am 17 years old and

live in Centreville, know defendants for the last year. I remember defendants being here in connection with the destruction of an aqueduct, and also, the time of the burning of Mr. Lloyd's buildings. I talked with defendants between these two times. I heard Mel say that whichever ones went down and swore against them, it would be the dearest swearing they ever done. I heard one of them say Geo. Cronk, Will Thomas and his wife, and Mrs. Sidney Lloyd, wife of Mr. Lloyd whose buildings were burned.

To Mr. Appleby—I was never a witness in a magistrate's court before. This conversation took place in Mr. Crabb's house.

To Mr. Connell—It was Melvin who was brought down charged with tearing up an aqueduct.

James Trafford knew the parties concerned. I was away, when the buildings were burned. I never heard either of defendants make any threats of doing injury to persons who gave evidence against Melvin in the aqueduct case. I did not tell Mr. Knox that I was going to keep still but that I knew enough to send these boys to penitentiary. I conversed with Mr. Lloyd about this matter during this present week.

The magistrate decided after hearing argument of counsel to commit the defendants for trial at the court which meets on the 26th inst.

### Pitchfork vs. Watch.

The circuit court which meets here the last of the month will probably have a good deal of business on hand. There is a formidable criminal docket. Among the cases is the Queen vs. Geo. Craig, of Bath, resisting an officer in the discharge of his duty. It seems that Craig has been behind in the payment of his taxes for some years, it is said, for five or six years. One day, recently, Andrew Ruff, of Canaan, and other constables went to serve an execution on the old man and to take some of his stuff. Craig resisted and attacked the invading police with a pitchfork, making a thrust at Ruff, and piercing his pocket book. The constables thinking discretion the better part of valor retreated. Afterwards Deputy Sheriff Foster went up and managed to secure the old man, without meeting with any resistance. The prisoner was taken before Justice of the Peace Farley at Bristol. Stephen B. Appleby appeared for the crown, and Geo. W. Melville for the prisoner. The defence set up the plea that Constable Ruff was not duly qualified. The magistrate, however, committed the prisoner, who was bailed to appear for his trial at the circuit court.

### LATEST WAR NEWS

#### Will It be Peace or Bloody War?

It is expected that the President's message to the U. S. Congress, which will probably determine the question of war or peace, with Spain will be delivered this morning. Monday despatches from Washington and Madrid looked somewhat pacific. The Pope it was stated was using his influence to arrange an armistice between Spain and the Cuban insurrectionists. The London Westminster Gazette says: "Securing the mediation of the Pope reflects credit upon all parties." The St. James Gazette says: "The Pope's mediation clears the air. It will enable Spain to make further concessions to the insurgents, without sacrifice of prestige."

### NEW QUARTER'S.

#### The Dispatch Moves to Its New Office.

THE DISPATCH has moved, and now does business in the new steel covered building on the south side of Queen street, recently erected by Wm. Connell. The business office, editorial room and press room, are on the ground floor, while the compositors do their work in a room up stairs. The change is one, in every way an improvement, affording more room and better facilities. With a rapidly growing business, such a change had become an absolute necessity.

### Postage on Newspapers.

For many years past newspapers have been allowed to go free through the mails, from the office of publication to the subscribers. A change is about to be made by the Dominion government by which newspapers will pay one half cent a pound on all papers distributed without a radius of ten miles from the office of publication. The bill now before parliament provides that the law shall not go into effect until Jan. 1st of next year, and the charge for the first six months will be  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a cent per lb., after that time  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent.

### Awkward, Indeed.

The most awkward man in the world without doubt lives in Tennessee. He recently shot a dog, and in explaining the accident to the dog's owner shot him. Later, in showing how the tragedy occurred, he shot the coroner. He has been liberated now for fear he will try to explain it to somebody else.—[From the Jacksonville Times-Union.]

## IF THEY HAVE DIRTY LINEN

The Councillors Wash It In Private  
Committee Session.

Scott Act Inspector Appointed at a Salary of \$25 a Month.—Annual Meeting of the Board of Trade Next Tuesday, when Officers will Be Elected.

This present town council are a pretty foxy lot. They believe in washing their dirty linen in private, and it is not a bad policy, though hard on the newspapers. What will happen to us if the town council affords us no spicy articles? Many people looked for a rumpus over the appointment of a Scott Act inspector for the town, but the meeting on Monday evening was as free from excitement, as a whist party.

The town treasurer submitted his report. The debit balance on April 1st was \$2563; April 1st, 1897, \$4636; April 1st, 1896, \$2,709.

Coun. Carr moved seconded by Coun. Lindsay, that John C. Gibson be appointed Scott Act inspector for the town at a salary of \$25 a month. The motion was carried without a dissenting voice.

Coun. Graham became somewhat critical of the expenditure on the poor house, and was warmly answered by Coun. Jones. The war did not get, however, beyond the sparring stage.

### The War In The Nile Valley.

The war in the upper valley of the Nile is assuming a character which ought to bring it to a speedy ending, either by the defeat of the Anglo-Egyptian forces under the command of Sir Herbert Kitchener or by the over-throw of the Khalifa. The strategic flank movement of the former, by which he has taken possession of Shendi, in the rear of the Arab forces that were advancing upon him, and has cut off their main source of supply, would seem to make a decisive contest, a surrender, or a demoralized dispersal of those forces inevitable. As the immediate followers of the Khalifa appear to prefer death to surrender, it is probable that a battle will be the outcome of the present situation, and in this there is every reason to suppose that the superior discipline and equipment of the Anglo-Egyptian force will enable it to win a victory. The command of the Nile by Egyptian gunboats is of distinct advantage to that side. It is possible for these to proceed up the river at least to the sixth cataract, which is about sixty miles below Khartoum. Their presence on the river will prevent re-enforcements and supplies from readily reaching the Khalifa's followers who have advanced to meet the Anglo-Egyptian forces; and hence, the defeat of the former, if it should take place, would be well nigh overwhelming. With this great section of his army destroyed, it is doubtful if the Khalifa could make a stand for the defence of Omdurman, the town on the opposite side of the Nile from Khartoum, which he has chosen as his capital. With the taking of that place the power of the Khalifa would be so far broken that it is hardly possible that after that it is hardly possible that after that he could make any effective resistance.—Boston Herald.

### ANNUAL MEETING

Of Board of Trade Will be Held Next  
Tuesday Evening.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade will be held in the town council chamber on Tuesday evening, the 12th inst at 8 o'clock. The reports of the president and secretary-treasurer will be submitted, and the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place.

### Life of a Fire Engine

The life of a fire engine in New York city in its first use is 10 years, says the Sun. It is then rebuilt, and is good, either in regular service or as a reserve engine for 10 years more. After 20 years of service the old engine is sold at auction.

It may be bought by another city or town for use as a fire engine, but this happens very rarely. The engines are heavy, and they must be drawn by horses, so they are not adapted for use in smaller cities. The old engine is oftener bought by a contractor, for use, for instance, in pumping out cellars. In such service a steam pressure of 50 pounds might be ample for the work, while in fire service a pressure of 150 pounds might be required. In such work as this the old engine might last three or four years more. Sometimes the discarded fire department engine is bought by a junk dealer, who breaks it up for the metals it contains, and this is what they all come to at last.

### 500 Drowned.

An awful disaster occurred at Carmu, Ill. on Sunday evening. A dam on the Ohio river broke and the town was flooded, 500 people, it is said having been drowned.

### Where Are We At?

Chatham is to have a public library. What of Woodstock?

THE Easter Ball in the Opera House is having great preparations made for it. Things look as though it would be a grand affair.