

STATE RAILROAD STOCKHOLDERS ELECT OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Northern New Hampshire railroad at Concord Friday the following board of directors was elected: Alvah W. Sulloway of Franklin, Josiah H. Benson of Boston, William F. Thayer of Concord, Elias Pierce and Edgar Crocker of Boston, Charles P. Chase of Hanover and William P. Richards of Newport. Organization will be perfected in Boston later.

Other corporations elected officers as follows:

Concord & Claremont railroad—Directors Alvah W. Sulloway of Warren, F. Daniel of Franklin, Charles O. Stearns of Boston, A. E. Scott of Lexington, Mass., Charles H. Fish of Brookline, Mass., George A. Tenney of Claremont, Albert S. Wetherell of Exeter. Alvah W. Sulloway was elected president and George W. Stone of Andover clerk, George N. Croker treasurer and Frank J. Sulloway assistant treasurer.

Sullivan County Railroad—Directors John H. Albin of Concord, George H. Stowell of Claremont, Charles M. Floyd of Manchester, George E. Anderson of Nashua, Harley E. Folsom of Lyndonville, Vt., Frank P. Thompson of Bellows Falls, Vt., John H. Albin was elected president and John F. Webster secretary and treasurer.

Peterborough & Hillsborough railroad Directors—Alvah W. Sulloway of Franklin, William P. Fiske of Concord, James W. Pattee of Enfield, Kenyon E. Dearborn of Bristol, Sherman J. Winstow of Pittsfield, Dudley L. Forber of Dover and Herbert A. Tryell of Manchester. Alvah W. Sulloway of Franklin was elected president, Thomas F. Clifford of Franklin clerk, George N. Croker of Boston treasurer and Frank J. Sulloway of Franklin assistant treasurer.

The stockholders of the Manchester & Lawrence railroad held their annual meeting at the Amoskeag national bank in Manchester Friday. Hon. Calvin Page of Portsmouth presided.

Officers elected as follows. Calvin Page of Portsmouth pres., Edward M. Brooks of Manchester vice pres., George H. Chandler treas., Calvin Page of Portsmouth, William P. Fowler of Boston, George E. Smith of Swampscott, Mass., Arthur M. Hoard of Manchester, Parker W. Whittemore and Sherburne M. Merrill of Newton, Mass., and Albert Wallace of Rochester directors.

was remarked as significant by counsel, because Atty. Ralph S. Bartlett discovered a few days after Mrs. Bull's death that \$300,000 of her \$500,000 estate had been transferred to a trust company in Providence, unknown to the daughter of the testatrix.

He hastened there and had special administrators appointed he says. When he asked Mr. Thorp, brother of the testatrix and an executor under the will, at the court hearing in Providence, why such a transfer had been made, Mr. Thorp replied, according to Mr. Bartlett, that it was to avoid the Massachusetts inheritance tax.

Under examination by Mr. Whipple, Miss Swanader testified:

"Mrs. Bull told me that she had frequent visits from her departed husband Ole Bull, Swami Vivekananda and her little granddaughter, Edwina.

"She told me they came often to comfort her. Once as I sat beside her couch at Greenacre she told me how Swami Vivekananda had appeared to her that very morning. She said he stood beside her bed under a tree. I can't recall whether she said it was an apple or cherry tree, but I remember that it was in full bloom. Vivekananda, with peaceful face, poked to her, saying that he would comfort her.

"On another occasion she claimed that her departed granddaughter, Edwina, appeared in a glow of pink radiance to commune with her. She said she often talked with her husband also, but that she could never see him. She only heard his voice.

"I considered Mrs. Bull a very sick woman in both body and mind. I told her she was suffering from an hysterical trouble. She replied, 'No, it is not physical. I have been attacked by a malign influence which was sapping my life away, and in conquering it my health broke down, but that I have mastered it I shall be better.'

"Did Mrs. Bull have a shrine in her meditation room?" asked Atty. Whipple. "She called it her altar," replied the witness. "There were pictures there of all those whom she held dear—Little Edwina, Sir Ramakrishna, and Swami Vivekananda. She kept and burned incense and flowers and fruit were kept on the altar."

Miss Swanader testified that she had met Mrs. Bull in New York in February, 1890, at a lecture which Swami Vivekananda gave before the Brooklyn Ethical Association, of which the late Prof. William James was the head. She said her mother was a member, but that she (Miss Swanader) was not.

The witness said that on invitation of Mrs. Bull she went to Greenacre in 1910 and that later Mrs. Bull was her guest in Brooklyn.

"While she was our guest," she said she bought a great deal of old-fashioned jewelry. One day when I returned from school she showed me an antique locket with places on both sides for tiny pictures and a receptacle in the middle for hair. She said that her mother and father had appeared to her, and had told her to take this for herself, as a birthday gift from them. She told me little Edwina's spirit had visited her, and that she had bought two pieces of jewelry from the child. Her husband, too, she said, sold her jewelry, and Swami Vivekananda brought pewsels. The way she really got them was by sending letters or telephone orders to a Mrs. Woods, 6 Washington square, New York, and a dealer named Oscar Sonberg on Fourth or Fifth avenue.

"What further did you notice about Mrs. Bull's condition and behavior while she was with you?" Mr. Whipple asked the witness.

"Mrs. Olea Vaughan, daughter of Mrs. Bull, called while she was with us the second time. Miss Noble had told me and mother and the servants that we were not to let Mrs. Vaughan see her mother alone. She instructed

me to send for her as soon as Mrs. Vaughan came. When Mrs. Vaughan

The Immense New Sixth Unit



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The sixth United States Dreadnought, USS Oregon, arrived in Philadelphia on May 25. She was built at Philadelphia on May 25. She will be equipped with the Parsons turbine engine. She is 475 feet long and 45 feet high. The mainmast is 100 feet high. The ship is the largest battleship ever built.

arrived I went up to her mother and said, 'Mrs. Bull your daughter is here to see you.' Mrs. Bull replied, 'Don't let her come up alone. Send for Miss Noble first.' I returned to Mrs. Vaughan and told her that Miss Noble had left instructions to be notified when she came. Mrs. Vaughan appeared somewhat embarrassed, but said, 'Very well let it be done.' When Miss Noble came on summons from a servant, they both went up together. Her mother and daughter embraced. "Mrs. Bull said feelingly to Mrs. Vaughan: 'Olea dear, I would like to put my arms about you, but I can't. Won't you accept it in the spirit given?'

Mrs. Vaughan replied: 'To be sure mother dear. If you can't place your arms about me let me put mine around you.' They both wept. I had never seen Mrs. Bull weep before."

She told me once that Swami Vivekananda was Ole Bull's son, explaining that when little Edwina died she was with the Swami in India, and that then Swami became her real son. She spoke, too, of how much she thought the Swami looked like Ole Bull, who had acknowledged him as his son in the other world."

SWAMI SON OF OLE BULL

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"We charge her with dominating the will of Mrs. Bull," he added, "and using undue influence."

This statement was made after testimony by Miss Edith Swanader of Brooklyn, a school teacher, whose home Mrs. Bull had visited. Mr. Whipple offered letters from Miss Noble to Miss Swanader. Whether they will be admitted will be decided when the case is resumed Wednesday.

Mr. Whipple called the court's attention to the fact that the codicil bore the date of Dec. 13, 1910, two days prior to Mrs. Bull's return to the home of the Swanaders in Brooklyn. Under this council Mrs. Vaughan is to receive only so much of an annuity of \$3500 as the executors see fit to give her. Miss Noble's gift of \$30,000 under this codicil is outright.

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OLDEST RESIDENT OF NEWINGTON HAS 90th BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Pickering, widow of Phobam Pickering, and