

The Manchester Journal.

NUMBER 5

MANCHESTER, VERMONT, MAY 18, 1916

VOLUME LVI

VERMONT GRANGES TO CONDUCT INSURANCE CO.

Bellevue Falls, May 12.—Guy W. Bailey and Walter F. Scott, insurance commissioners, for the State of Vermont, held a public meeting in the office of Ryder & Graham this afternoon and granted the Patrons Co-operative Disability Association, Inc., permission to transact business in the State.

The association was organized here last March. Its officers consist of men prominent in the Grange in Vermont and it is planned to insure members of the Patrons of Husbandry against injuries. None but members of the Grange may be members.

The meeting to-day was attended by Gov. C. W. Gates, Herbert W. Sargent of Brattleboro, a member of the executive board of the State Grange, W. M. Robbins of Brattleboro, O. L. Martin of Plainfield, R. M. Campbell, master of the Dorset Grange, Edward M. Farr of Chester, gate keeper of the Vermont State Grange; R. F. Spitzberger and G. F. Kent of Bellows Falls, W. A. Graham of Bellows Falls and A. C. Halladay, master of Fall Mountain Grange. Mr. Halladay is clerk of the association.

There are 18,000 Grangers in Vermont, 175,000 in New England, and 112,000 in New York, and Vermont is centrally located so that the association will have a large field for broadening its membership.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

The sixth annual meeting of The Green Mountain Club will be held at Brandon Inn, Brandon, Vt., on Friday, May 19th. There will be a meeting of the club at 9:00 a. m., followed by a general business meeting of the club at 11:00 o'clock. The afternoon session will be called at 1:30 o'clock. Time permitting, visiting members will be taken in automobiles by the members of the Brandon Section of The Green Mountain Club to a point in the Taconic Range which commands a sweeping view of the Otter Creek Valley from Killington Peak to Breadloaf Mountain.

A special effort is being made to secure a large attendance of the members of the Club. Plans will be made for an increased activity in furthering the club's objects of perfecting the parts of the Long Trail already made and also completing this project of making a trail which shall extend from the Massachusetts line to the Canadian border. During the last year there has been increasing travel over the Long Trail and the Vermont public are coming to recognize more and more its value to the State.

BENNINGTON COUNTY W. C. T. U. MEETING

The thirty-first annual convention of Bennington County Woman's Christian Temperance Union recently held at Pownal was well attended, interesting and profitable. Although Pownal is not centrally located, every union in the county was represented.

As we have no morning train south yet, delegates from Manchester and Arlington secured passage by auto, returning after the convention, reaching Manchester at midnight.

Morning session was occupied with executive meeting, prayer and praise service, reports of unions and superintendents and election of officers. Mrs. A. F. Smith, who has served continuously as president for 26 years, was unanimously re-elected. Mrs. F. H. Rastall's faithful services as secretary was rewarded by a unanimous rising vote for re-election. Mrs. F. A. Sheldon, treasurer, was unable to serve longer and Mrs. W. R. Mattison of North Bennington, was elected to fill the vacancy.

Mrs. Rastall led the devotional service at 1:30, later the institute hour, both of which were inspiring and specially helpful. The president in her address reviewed the part taken by the W. C. T. U. of Vermont in the recent prohibition campaign, regretted the defeat and asked what is the next step? Replied enter every open door, work for national, constitutional prohibition. Work to increase our membership, to increase the circulation of our state and national papers, home guards and union signals, circulate temperance literature, interest and instruct the boys and girls through the Loyal Temperance Legion. The boys and girls now shouting their rallying cries, salute and motto, "Trouble King Alcohol we shall grow up" will soon be voting for national constitutional prohibition. A paper, "Home Influence on the child," by Mrs. W. R. White, was full of helpful suggestions. Paper, "Temperance in the Sunday School," by Mrs. A. S. Payne, proved the importance of that department and showed

ed how to successfully conduct the same.

The address, "The Curse, the Cure, the Conquest," by Rev. H. G. Mohl, of Pownal, was listened to with intense interest. It did not take long to prove that intemperance is a curse to all mankind. The cure, national constitutional prohibition. The conquest, when Christians interest themselves in this most important question, as the urgency of the case demands. At the evening session after devotional service by Rev. Mabel T. Winch of Arlington, Mrs. Ida Van Valkenburgh of Albany, N. Y., gave an address which held the close attention of all present, moving the audience to both laughter and tears. She also demonstrated her ability to win and interest the children by organizing a Loyal Legion of 40 members, marching them into the convention, able after 15 minutes training to give successfully the mottoes, rally cries, etc. of the order. She organized a union at Bennington and Pawlet and another Legion of 28 members as she journeyed northward. The subject of Sabbath observance and franchise was ably presented by their respective superintendents, Miss Winch and Mrs. Rastall. The music was specially pleasing. The entire occasion was an up-lift. Long live the Womans Christian Temperance Union.

NORWICH UNIVERSITY

The custom of firing a morning or sunrise gun, at reveille, and an evening, or sunset, gun at retreat, has been inaugurated. It lends a great deal to the military atmosphere of the university. Incidentally the morning gun serves as an awakening gun, the reveille roll call following within 15 minutes of the firing.

The members of the engineering department, faculty and undergraduates have furnished the material and constructed very substantial as well as artistic steps leading to the south entrance of Dodge Hall. This new improvement together with the installation of the steel flag-pole, the gift of the First Vermont Cavalry Regimental Association; the placing of several field pieces on concrete bases, the construction of new walks and sodding over the old diagonal path, will be, no doubt, very pleasing changes to the alumni and friends of the university who will attend the commencement exercises in June.

Elaborate plans for commencement are being made. Committees and sub-committees have been appointed to supervise the many events. Commencement week includes June 18-22. The ceremonial inauguration of President Reeves will take place on the afternoon of the 21st. Addresses will be given by a representative of the colleges of Vermont, the State Board of Education, the trustees, the faculty and the undergraduates, followed by the inaugural address of the president.

A new feature of the coming commencement will be the arrangement by the university to furnish meals on the grounds to those who may care to remain in the immediate vicinity. This arrangement is being made to meet the lack of hotel facilities for the large attendance expected. Many of the cadets will give up their rooms in the barracks to friends while they will sleep in tents. The messing arrangement will be a part of the equipment for the military training camps which will follow shortly after, beginning July 1st.

Enrollment for the Norwich Summer Military Training Camps are coming in at a most gratifying rate. The enrollment for the junior camp, open to undergraduates of high schools and preparatory schools, is leading. This is no doubt due to the fact that this is the only camp of this character, directly under control of officers of the Army, anywhere in the East. This camp is separate and apart from the college and business men's camps, and is open to any high school or preparatory student over 14 years of age, who is in good standing in his school. A tutoring class is also offered for college entrance requirements.

Bennington is said to be face to face with the most unusual industrial predicament it has probably experienced since the Civil War. Want of workers for its factories and want of houses in which they may live after they are secured are the problems.

The Tenney Electric Company of Montpelier has made known its intention of allowing any of its employees who so desire to attend the Plattsburgh civilian camp this summer without loss of pay, being the first Montpelier corporation to make such a proposal.

VERMONT NOT A BORROWER

Former Vermonter Prominent in Financial World, Says Vermont is a Lender Not a Borrower.

The letters printed below, correspondence between two loyal Vermonthers, Darwin P. Kingsley and Congressman Frank L. Greene, are valuable to the reader in showing that our State is far from being what some people think it is.

Our people here have been lenders for a great many years. Not alone of money, but of men and women. For many years vast sums of money went into the Middle West, following the large number of our people who went West to locate on the cheap government lands. To-day both the men and the money are coming back to Vermont.

Washington, D. C., May 8, 1916.
"Mr. Darwin P. Kingsley, President,
"New York Life Insurance Company
"346 Broadway, New York.

"My dear Mr. President:—
"I have just been looking at the 71st Annual Report of the company sent policy holders and have been impressed by the fact that in the lists showing Government and other bonds owned, etc., our own State of Vermont does not appear.

"Is there some reason for this that a Vermonter would be interested to learn? Does it involve the character of our securities at home or is there some other feature of it that is easily explained?

"My query is simply that of an interested Vermonter who tries to follow up the interests of the home State and inquire for information of men who know how to give it.

"Very sincerely yours,
"FRANK L. GREENE."
"New York, May 9, 1916.

"My dear Mr. Greene:—
"The reason there are no bonds of the State of Vermont or any of the municipalities of the State of Vermont in our statement is that Vermont is a creditor State. While theoretically poor, Vermont is a money-lender.

"I don't remember when an offering of State or municipal bonds from Vermont has been made to the Finance Committee.

"I assure you that the absence of these securities from the list does not in any way represent any prejudice against the State. It simply happened that way under the laws of supply and demand.

"Very truly yours,
"D. P. KINGSLEY,
"President."

STATE NEWS

In Thursday's high wind, Mr. Davis, an employe at the V. M. Reynolds saw mill in Danville, received a broken arm when lumber blew from a pile beside the road onto him as he was driving past.

During Thursday's high wind a large upright glass display case at the millinery store of Mrs. Bernice Hoyle in Rutland was blown from a piazza and smashed to atoms when it struck the pavements seven feet below.

The first auction sale of pure bred Hereford cattle in the State was held at St. Johnsbury Thursday, when 32 head brought \$8,000, an average of \$250 a head. The highest price paid for an animal was \$600 for the three-year-old bull, Beau Blanchard.

Further investigation into the Felch shooting case in Topsham led the authorities to arrest Anna Felch May 7 and she was taken to Chelsea. It is stated that she made a statement to Attorney General Barber, the details of which have not been made public.

Two troops from Fort Ethan Allen have already gone to Plattsburg, N. Y., to garrison the barracks in places of troops which have gone to El Paso, Texas, and most of the other troops will leave for Plattsburg May 20 to be there in readiness for the summer camp session.

Miss Elizabeth VanPatten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. VanPatten of Burlington, is to be health supervisor of the Bellows Falls schools at the opening of the schools next fall. She is a graduate of the Presbyterian hospital in New York City and has since taken special work in Boston.

The new Grace Methodist Church in St. Johnsbury is fast nearing completion and will be dedicated June 4.

For 25 years Charles G. McGaffey has been a Burlington letter carrier, and all that time on the same route.

The condition of Judge E. W. Huntley of Waterbury, who has been confined

to his bed for six weeks by illness is more comfortable. He does not sit up at all yet.

R. F. Tilson of Randolph is very ill of blood poisoning, which he contracted from the care of a cow after its death. The trouble has affected both hands, and he is in a serious condition.

Little Inez Pierce, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Pierce of Waitsfield, sustained bad burns on her neck, shoulders and arms by turning a dipper of scalding water over herself.

W. S. Streeter, a native of East Burke and for several years cashier of the Merchants' National Bank in St. Johnsbury, died April 29 in Pasadena, Cal., at the age of 61 years, after a three weeks' illness. His widow was formerly Miss Jessie Wright of Rye-gate.

A 1910 Packard car belonging to the Silsby garage in St. Johnsbury, was entirely destroyed by fire near Charles Harvey's at East Barnet Wednesday last week. The car, stuck in a mud became stalled and backfired, with the result that the car is a total loss to the garage.

The price of coal has advanced 50 cents a ton in Burlington. This means that the consumer must pay \$8.75 a ton for stove and nut coal and \$8.50 a ton for egg. For cash, prices are 25 cents a ton cheaper. Dealers say they have been paying 50 cents a ton more for coal since April 1st.

A fire in the home of John Eley of West Charleston did considerable damage to the kitchen May 5th. It caught from the boiling over of varnish which Mr. Eley was heating on an oil stove. The week's washing, which hung on a rack back of the stove was entirely destroyed and the woodwork was also scorched.

At an auction sale at Oscar Dickey's in Orange held Thursday, six cows sold from \$44 to \$60; 48 sheep sold for \$10 per head; six swarms of bees, \$5 per swarm; shants, \$10 and \$12; hens, 75 cents each; about 10 tons of loose hay in the barn brought \$19.19 per ton, the highest price reported from an auction sale this season.

Mrs. Hale K. Darling, who is recovering from an operation performed at the Barre hospital recently, is at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lizzie P. Smith in Chelsea. She was accompanied to Chelsea by her husband, Lieutenant-Governor Darling, who remained for a few days.

Miss Florence M. Wellman, who has been supervisor of the grades in the Brattleboro schools for eight years and before that taught in the grades six years, has been appointed superintendent of the district. She will have no control over the high school, of which Edgar B. Smith is principal. Her salary will be \$1500 a year.

DANBY

The E. J. Read farm will be sold at auction Saturday.

There was a dance at Enterprise hall Saturday night.

There are several cases of mumps in the quarry district.

Miss Orra Green of Wallingford, is here with Mrs. Eunice Griffin.

David Parker, who works at Manchester, was at home over Sunday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pratt of Bolton Landing, N. Y., is visiting relatives here.

C. B. Maynard, C. M. Potter and M. C. White have purchased new automobiles.

A fire at the residence of Edward Jenkins Saturday night did considerable damage.

E. A. Bancroft of Passaic, N. J., returned to his home Sunday after a few days here.

Walter Dunbar has returned from West Rutland and is at work at the marble quarries here.

Mrs. John McGuire of Manchester, spent Sunday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Parker.

Mother's Day was observed at the Congregational Church Sunday with special music and an appropriate service. There was a large attendance.

Milton Force bought at auction Saturday the premises in this village belonging to the estate of O. B. Hadwen and Lydia Bancroft for \$2135. The farm was sold to Fred Ains for \$1555.

Hector Thibadeau, while whittling last Friday evening, stuck the point of his knife into his leg in such a way as to pierce an artery. A physician was summoned from Rutland and dressed the wound.

UNNECESSARY WORDS

Rammed Down the Throats of Children From Spelling Books

The Sage Foundation collected thousands of business and professional letters and counted the different words which men and women use. Bankers, teachers, lawyers, manufacturers, merchants and railroaders were all represented by those letters.

And how many different words do you suppose are required to carry on America's pulsating affairs?

Just 542 constitute seven-eighths of all the words used by any of these people at any time. We use those 542 over and over again, and only once in eight times do we go outside that small list for a different one.

But as a schoolboy I studied a spelling book that contained many thousand words! Of course, I haven't used a fifth of them since, although writing has been my business.

I stopped on my way downtown yesterday morning and bought a new spelling book. It is the kind used by boys and girls of about twelve years. And here is the sort of pompous monstrosity thrown at your little daughter's head: "Deciduous," "cognizance," "eclectic" and "hermetical."

There isn't a more clever woman in America than Miss Agnes Repplier, and she uses her pen constantly. When did she ever write "deciduous"?

Levi L. Rue manages to be President of Pennsylvania's greatest bank. How often does "termagant," "molecule," "consorsious" or "soporific" befuddle his stenographer and disgust his correspondent? Never!

He didn't become a great banker by using long, odd or unnecessary words. Dr. Edgar Fahs Smith is head of Pennsylvania's largest educational institution. When did the provost find it necessary to employ "euphony," "diapason" or "ossified," words thrust down the rebelling throat of your son in knickerbockers?

From all the 900 pulpits in Philadelphia on Sunday what kind of words flowed? Not "pleonism," nor "synthesis," nor "idomatic," nor "supercilious," that I warrant you.

I have talked with quite a number of railroad presidents, and read scores of things they had written. I'm bleas'd if I ever yet knew Messrs. Rea, Millard, Voorhees, Thomas, Baer, Cassatt, McCrea or Stotesbury to employ "epizootic" or "satyr" or "nonpareil" or "cuirass."

Editors and publishers might be supposed to use a larger variety of words than any other business or professional men. I happen to have known personally nearly all the leading editors and publishers in this city during the last twenty years.

"Oxalic" never in my presence crossed a single editorial lip. "Contumacy" was a stranger to every publisher. "Choleric" was a rank unknown.

But there stand those abominable stumbling blocks of childhood in that new spelling book along with "phthisic," "vis-a-vis," "rhomboid" and scores of other words which even the educated man of forty hasn't used twice in his life.

Soon after I bought that spelling book I met Dr. Thomas S. March, who holds an important place in the State Board of Education.

"What are all these big words good for?" I inquired.

"Mostly good for nothing," was his quick reply. I had expected that from the talented son of one of the foremost English scholars of all time.

"Old Dad" March didn't use four syllables when he two served a better purpose. Dr. Thomas March said yesterday that school men are now devoting much thought to this spelling book problem. More power to their brains in such thinking.

Prof. Louis W. Reeper of the Pennsylvania State College has some admirable ideas along this line of useless knowledge. Here is his sensible way of putting the case in a letter which I received from him:

"When do we use spelling? Only when we write. What words do we use in our letters? Pedagogues never concern themselves to discover. They get up spelling books containing 20,000 words, most of which no one would ever use."

In the first 300 years of our country's history, by far the greatest book written was Franklin's Autobiography—famous for the great number of simple words.

A book written in the last half century that earned more money than any other up to that time was Grant's Memoirs. Words of one syllable fill most every page.

The Franklins and Grants never climbed to their high stations upon ladders made of weird and unnecessarily long words.

Dr. Johnson, I think it was, told how a profane fishwoman of Billingsgate was silenced when an urbane individual called her a parallelepipedon. To her it was the most colossal oath.

For thousands of little boys and girls, the monstrous words in their spelling books are worse than hobgoblins. As for the practical good to be derived from hundreds in that one volume I examined yesterday, a child might as well memorize so many Chinese symbols.

PREPAREDNESS IN VERMONT

Citizens and boards of trade as well as the companies of the Vermont National Guard are showing great interest in the mobilization of the First Vermont at Northfield on Saturday, May 20th. Vermont civic and commercial organizations are finding in this call for automobiles to be used in transportation of the militia that opportunity to satisfy their desire to be of some practical service which was awakened by the military meetings held by boards of trade this year through the initiative of The Greater Vermont Association.

It is expected that all the companies will be represented in the mobilization. The following selections from letters to Colonel Reeves and to The Greater Vermont Association show the spirit with which company commanders and boards of trade are entering into the plans:

From A. M. Houghton, President, Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

"We will give you our best co-operation. . . . This seems to be a splendid scheme and we believe that you will be successful."

From G. L. MacDiarmid, President, Newport Board of Trade.

"I beg to advise you that Newport and vicinity will convey Company I to Northfield. Enough autos are now pledged to do the trick." Dated May 8th.

From F. C. Roberts, Secretary, Rutland Business Men's Association.

"President Miller has appointed the following committee to take charge of making all arrangements for this trip. I think that this committee will be able to make arrangements so that Company A will be there."

From Captain J. L. Shanley, Co. G., Winooski.

"Have five automobiles to transport Company G to Northfield on May 20th, and believe I can secure the remaining number necessary to accommodate the company."

From Captain C. E. Pell, Commanding Company B, St. Albans.

"I have taken the matter up with the members of the company and they are all very enthusiastic. I hope all the outfits will work hard on this and make it a success."

From Henry H. Hagar, President, Burlington Merchants' Association.

"You can certainly count on this city's doing its duty. It is a matter, I believe, in which every one should feel it a privilege to take part."

From James B. Estee, President, Montpelier Board of Trade.

Mr. Estee described in detail how the board of trade has arranged the full program, giving dates of departure and assignment of machines. Montpelier is coming with its city officials, members of board of trade, National Guard officers and men. "All this," wrote Mr. Estee, "was planned and arranged within 24 hours from receipt of request of Colonel Reeves."

The military authorities feel that this mobilization will be of great value to the State, making for military efficiency through the strong co-operation of the National Guard and boards of trade.

Colonel Reeves Writes

"The fact that something is being done of public interest serves as an incentive for performing similar duties along other lines, and particularly is this movement valuable because it means a concerted action on the part of boards of trade in a number of towns and cities of Vermont."

General Tillotson in a Letter to Presidents of Boards of Trade Says:

"In case of necessity for the mobilization of a large body of troops in this country, the problem of transportation would be one of the most difficult to solve. Here is a splendid opportunity for the business men of the State to set the pace, and show what can be done in the way of automobile transportation for military purposes. It will not only promote interest in the Vermont National Guard, but if the movement is successful it will attract attention outside the State and help advertise Vermont."

Dr. Charles D. Hazen of St. Johnsbury, has accepted the appointment of professor of modern European history at Columbia University, New York, his work consisting of lectures to the graduate students two days each week.